

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 6 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended as supported in the present specification including at page 11, lines 2-3, page 15, lines 2-15 and page 16, lines 15-20. Claim 2 has been amended for antecedent basis in view of the amendments to base claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to a clearer form and for antecedent basis in view of the amendments to base claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the Examiner finds terms, amphoteric electrolyte and colorant, in claim 1 to lack enablement in view of the specification. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite the amphoteric electrolyte as being an amino acid and an oligomer that has a weight average molecular weight of 1,000 or less, as supported in the present specification including at page 11, lines 2-3 and page 15, lines 2-15.

As the specification discloses at page 7, lines 2-21, when a hydrophobic coloring matter is added to an organic solvent, the organic solvent can partially or fully dissolve and/or disperse the hydrophobic coloring matter substance depending on chemical properties of both the ingredients. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite the step of dissolving and/or dispersing the hydrophobic coloring matter substance in an organic solvent.

In view of the above amendments, the applicants submit that all presently considered claims are fully allowable under Section 112, first paragraph.

Claim 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, because the Examiner does not find claim 1 to recite whether the liquid portion of the composition is collected or the precipitated pigment is the product. Claim 1 has been accordingly amended to recite an additional step that pertinently clarifies the claim, as supported in the present specification including at page 16, lines 15-20.

Claim 2 has been amended to reflect antecedent basis in base claim 1.

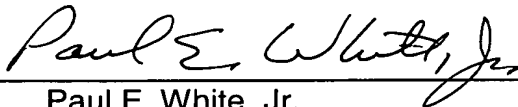
Claim 6 has been amended to a clearer form and reflect antecedent basis in base claim 1.

In view of the above, the applicants submit that all presently considered claims are fully allowable under Section 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above, the applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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